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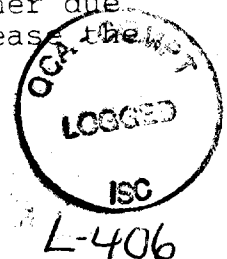
The Honorable Arlen Specter
Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your letter of January 19, 1995, in which you asked the Agency to conduct a classification review of four Committee transcripts. These transcripts contain the testimony of Mr. Sidney Gottlieb before the Committee on October 15, 16, 17, and 18, 1975.

I forwarded the transcripts to the Agency officials responsible for classification review. They have completed the task and provided the following recommendations. With regard to CIA equities, it has been determined that the transcripts may be released in sanitized form. We have deleted material that must remain classified at the SECRET level on the basis of Sections 1.3(a)(3), (4), and (5) of Executive Order 12356. Enclosed are the four transcripts in sanitized form.

The CIA Office of General Counsel has been working with the Department of Justice on the case of Kronisch, Executrix of the Estate of Stanley Milton Glickman v. United States, Sidney Gottlieb, and Richard Helms. Plaintiff's counsel has requested a copy of these sanitized transcripts in preparation for Dr. Gottlieb's deposition scheduled for August 14, 1995. We would like to honor this request and to provide a copy to Dr. Gottlieb so that both sides can prepare for the deposition. We have been informed by your staff that the full Senate will have to pass a resolution by unanimous consent in order for the documents to be declassified and released. I would request that the Committee obtain this consent in an expeditious manner due to the pending litigation. The Agency will not release the documents until you have authorized us to do so.



The Honorable Arlen Specter

We appreciate the opportunity to review these transcripts.

Sincerely,

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